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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No.

10/603,278

Applicant(s)

John Keeney Howie, et al.

Filed

June 25, 2003

Title

METHOD FOR REDUCTION OF ACRYLAMIDE IN

COCOA PRODUCTS, COCOA PRODUCTS HAVING REDUCED LEVELS OF ACRYLAMIDE, AND ARTICLE

OF COMMERCE

TC/A.U.

1761

Examiner

Keith D. Hendricks

Conf. No. Docket No. Customer No. 4432 9285L

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- 1. [] No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
- 2. [X] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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					TOTAL	\$0

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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- 3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$430.00 for a two-month extension of time.
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  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- 5. The Director is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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Group Art Unit: 1761

In re Application of

John Keeney Howie, ET AL. Confirmation No. 4432 Serial No. 10/603,278

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COMMERCE

## AMENDMENT AFTER OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.